

In Yellowstone County

Yellowstone County Problem

Better or Worse Than State

The number of alcohol and drug related crashes in Yellowstone County is unacceptable
360 in 2008

10.3% of all crashes in 2008

Same

2313 crashes in Montana were alcohol or drug related in 2008.
10.5% of all crashes.

Alcohol and drug related fatalities in Yellowstone County as a percentage of all traffic fatalities is unacceptable.

53% of fatal crashes in Yellowstone County in 2008 were alcohol and/or drug related.

This is significantly higher than the state and national rates.

Worse

40.3% of fatal crashes in Montana were alcohol/drug related in 2008.

32% of fatal crashes in the nation were alcohol/drug related in 2008.

Drugged driving appears to be on the rise around Yellowstone County.
This is inferred from anecdotal sharing by law enforcement and legal sectors at the task force and visible cases in the media; however the task force does not have actual county-level data on drugged driving. The task force is working on assessment of this issue.

Drugged driving increased in Montana between 2007 and 2009, including a significant increase in the number of cases involving central nervous system depressants and cannabis. After CNS depressants, cannabis is the most common cause of drugged driving in Montana.

Montana has the highest rate of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities in the country, more than double the national average.

It is not acceptable for Yellowstone County to be the same as the state of Montana on any DUI indicator.

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1 County
1 Year

12 Lives
Lost

237 Injuries

OBITUARY
Ryeli Elliot Kline-Embry returned to the Lord on March 16, 2008, at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. He was born March 7, 2008, at St. Vincent's Hospital. Ryeli, the 9-day-old son of Alyssa Michelle Kline and Thomas James Embry, left us due to premature birth. He is survived by his parents, Alyssa M. Kline and Thomas J. Embry, both of Billings; grandparents, Toni and Chris Stone, Serina and Donald Olson, Rick Kline; aunts and uncles, Tiffeny Kline, Cheyenne Kline, Amber Embry, Kelley and Chester Limberhand, all of Billings, Jill and Jon Pentzer of Arlington, Va.; great-grandparents, Laurie Stone, Eve Niedzwicki, Betty Bourne, and Hank Kline;

100 Percent
Preventable



